

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

*Park Commission Agendas and Minutes are available on the township website at <https://ytown.org/park-commission>*

**I. Call to Order**

Commission Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

**II. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Darrell Kirby, Starr Smith, David Streeter

**Commissioners Not Present:** Brad O'Conner

**Staff Present:** Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges, and Robin Castle-Hine

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Tajalli Hodge

Seconded by Darrell Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Starr Smith

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

Justin Hodge, County Commissioner, expressed support.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister: 1) Ford Lake Park boat docks project will be completed by end of the week. 2) Loonfeather Park update: the Township approved new bid and the FINAL Bond and Insurance documents. The Park is closed and ground-breaking will begin soon although construction may not start till Dec 1. 3) Replaced roof at Community Center to fix significant leaks. 4) The skate park will be closed for repairs Aug 5 & 6. 5) Board of Trustees tree fund discussion: MH has to request that funds are transferred each year and \$5K - \$7K gets 20 to 30 trees each year. David Streeter asked about taking recommendations from community for placement of trees; Starr Smith asked about types of trees planted (MH: disease resistant hard wood like red maple and white oak.) 6) FEMA is set up in the parking lot to assist with in-person floods assistance till 9/15. Will shut down early if no people show up. Hours are from 7 am – 7 pm 7 days/week. 7) Food Truck Fridays update: scheduled for Aug. 13 and 27, and Sept. 3 and 17 (two each at Heritage and Ford Lake.) 8) Art Serafinski Sports Scholarship – Green Oaks Golf outing August 28<sup>th</sup> to raise funds. 9) MH offered parks tours for commissioners.

Angela Verges: Community Center will hold an Open House on Aug. 4 from 11 am – 1 pm and people can try programs. Arts in the Parks program in partnership with Saline and Pittsfield: North Bay session earlier today had 15 children attend.

Robin Castle-Hine: Rosie the Riveter was successful with 63 crafters, but only 1 food truck. There were 600- 800 visitors and the event made over \$2000. Considering holding a craft show in rec center in the future.

## **B. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Hodge discussed Sugar Brook Park project: requested \$2500 but received \$4500. Plan to add park benches; weed control fabric has been added and plants coming this week.

David Streeter: Apple Ridge trash issue due to a recent Friday-Saturday celebration. The Parks Dept has limited weekend help and the park was cleaned by Monday.

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Dog Park:** no updates, waiting on revised report. Mike Hoffmeister: exploring additional site north of 94, and partnerships with other communities. David Streeter: Swift Run is collaboration between county and city and we might explore partnerships as well.

## **IX. New Business**

None.

## **X. Public Hearing**

None

## **XI. Announcements**

Mike Hoffmeister: Community meeting scheduled for Aug 25 at 6:30 pm for Apple Ridge Park project. Tajalli Hodge reminded people to vote in upcoming election for police/fire/recreation millage.

County Commissioner Justin Hodge announced two Zoom meetings will be held determine how best to share grant/funds from the American Rescue Plan.

## **XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Tajalli Hodge

Seconded by Darrell Kirby.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary